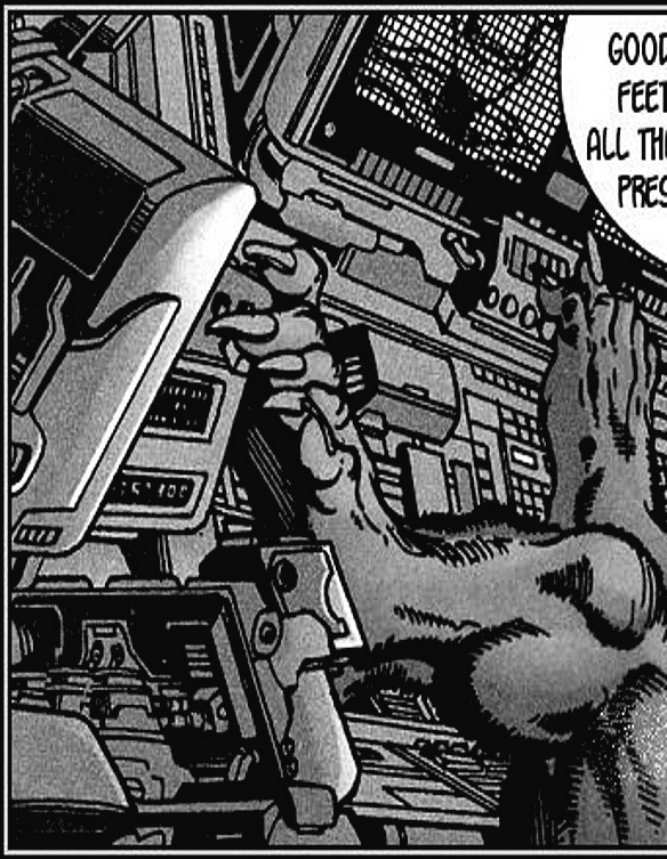


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FEET
ALL THE
PRES

THING I CAN USE MY
AS WELL TO SCAN!
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BRITAIN
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PHOENIX...



...OVER THE
FINAL FATE
OF THE
**DEMON
DRUID!**

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, DEAR.

THANK HEAVENS!
IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE
BEEN WALKING
FOREVER...

...AND I STILL DON'T
SEE WHY THEY CALL THIS
THING ARTHUR'S SEAT!

I ALREADY
EXPLAINED THAT TO
YOU, CHERLYN.

YEAH...WELL, IT
DOESN'T LOOK
LIKE A SEAT TO
ME, SONNY!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU
TALKED ME
INTO THIS! TELL ME
AGAIN, WHY WAS IT SO
IMPORTANT TO
COME HERE?

I TOLD YOU--I CAN GET
SOME GREAT SHOTS OF
EDINBURGH CASTLE
FROM HERE!

COULDN'T!
YOU JUST
BUY SOME
POSTCARDS?

EEK!
AN
EARTHQUAKE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
I CAME TO SCOTLAND
FOR THIS! THIS I
CAN GET BACK HOME
IN CALIFORNIA!

OH, NO!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DRAGGED
ME ALL THE WAY UP HERE AND
THEN YOU *BREAK* THE CAMERA!

WHAT A
KEUTZ!

Y'KNOW, HONEY... IT WASN'T
EXACTLY MY FAULT.

OH, NO YOU *DON'T*!

THERE'S NO WAY
YOU'RE GOING TO *FIN*
THIS ONE ON ME!

ALWAYS TRYING
TO BLAME ME!

WHY DON'T YOU ACT
LIKE A MAN FOR ONCE?!

I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD SHUT HER UP!

THERE IS...

...ONLY IT PROBABLY ISN'T WHAT SONNY HAD IN MIND!

UNFORTUNATELY, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL US THAT...

...OR ANYTHING ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER!

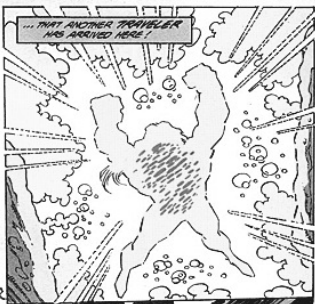
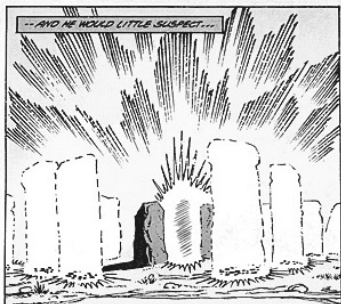
WHAT'S MORE, HE IS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE PHENOMENAL OCCURRENCE WHICH HE HAS NOW BECOME A FACTOR IN!

HE CAN NOT PERCEIVE THE GLOW OF LIGHT OR THE CRACKLE OF ENERGY.

NOR DOES HE KNOW OF THE GATEWAY THAT HAS BEEN CREATED...

... AND HE WOULD LITTLE SUSPECT...

... THAT ANOTHER TRAVELER
HAD ARRIVED HERE!



AT LONG
LAST!

THE ONE THEY
CALLED
DEMON
DRUID
LIVES AGAIN!

EXCALIBUR

THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

STAN LEE PRESENTS
AN UNTOLD STORY OF
EXCALIBUR FROM A TIME
JUST BEFORE THE CROSS
TIME CAPER! SIT BACK
AND RELAX! THIS ONE'S
GONNA BE A BLAST!

I MUST
BE UGLY!

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ALWAYS THE
SAME...

...NO MATTER
HOW HARD I
TRY...

--SO WHY
BOTHER?

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LONDON...

AMMMMM...

I COULD GO ON LIKE THIS ALL NIGHT, BRIAN.

NOW THERE'S AN IDEA!

WHY DON'T WE GO UPSTAIRS...

...AND CONTINUE THIS AT GREATER LENGTH!

I'M NOT SURE COULD BE A GOOD IDEA TONIGHT, COURTNEY.

I NOTICED YOU SEEMED A BIT PREOCCUPIED EARLIER.

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU CAN'T GET IT OUT OF YOUR MIND?

OH, IT'S NOTHING.

I...HAD A LITTLE ARGUMENT WITH MESSIAN.

OH, NO! WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?

CAN'T LET OUR "MUTUAL FRIEND" SEE HER!

THAT'S ALL I'D NEED!

I'VE GOT THE PERFECT REMEDY FOR WHAT AILS YOU. LET'S GO UPSTAIRS... AND TALK.

THAT WITCH!

SHE'S GOT BRIAN WRAPPED AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER!

I--I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH!

WHY?

THAT TRAIL OF LIGHT IN THE SKY... DID YOU SEE--?

I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING, MY LOVE!

BUT, I ASSURE YOU THERE WILL BE FIREWORKS BEFORE LONG!

WHY DON'T YOU BE A *DEAR*
AND ENTERTAIN YOURSELF
FOR A MOMENT...?

I'LL JUST BE A MINUTE.
SHOULD I PUT ON THE
WATER FOR SOME TEA?

THAT
WOULD
BE FINE.



WHAT DOES BRIAN
SEE IN HER?!

I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER
ON IT, BUT I KNOW THERE'S
SOMETHING EVIL ABOUT THAT...THAT
TEMPTRESS!



IT'S ENOUGH TO
DRIVE ONE...

GALAXIES!

NOW I KNOW
I'M COOZY!

THERE'S
NOTHING LIKE
THAT HERE IN
EDINBURGH!

STONEHENGE
IS IN ENGLAND!

AND...
THIS LOOKS
BRAND NEW!

NOT TO MENTION
THE UNEARTHLY GLOW
IT EMANATES!

**WELL! THERE'S MORE
TO THIS PICTURE THAN
FIRST MET THE EYE!**

A **REAL**
WOMAN MIGHT NOT
BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH
SOMEONE SO VIRILE-
LOOKING...!

BUT, I
AM NOT A
HUMAN!

**I AM A
MONSTER!**



JUST LIKE THE
CREATURE I SAW
ON THE Telly
EARLIER!

BRIAN PROBABLY
WOULDN'T NOTICE
ANY DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN US!

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?!

A STRANGE ONE...NOT LIKE THE OTHERS I HAVE DRAWN UPON!

PERHAPS THIS ONE WILL SUPPLY ME WITH WHAT I NEED!

PERHAPS THIS ONE WILL ENABLE ME TO ACHIEVE THAT WHICH HAS EVaded ME FOR SO LONG!

I HAVE FOUND WHAT I MOST DESIRE!

YOU'RE CRAZY!

AND I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY THAT YOU ARE QUITE AN ENJOYABLE BEING!

I VALUE THESE ATTRIBUTES...!

THIS SHALL YOU BECOME SUBJECT TO MY WILL!

AT THAT SAME MOMENT, WHERE MILES DISTANT...

THIS IS BETTER!

IT FEELS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THAT TIGHT DRESS.

WONDER IF I'VE PUT ON A FEW POUNDS.

NAH...

DRESS MUST HAVE SHRUNK A BIT AT THE CLEANERS.



BUT, ENOUGH OF THESE FRIVOLOUS THOUGHTS...



I HOPE YOU'RE NOT WATCHING THE TELLY IN THERE...

OF COURSE NOT!

I'M READY IF YOU ARE!

I'M JUST PUTTING ON SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE CASUAL.

I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU.



MMMM. BRIAN ALREADY HAS SO MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT.

I WONDER IF I SHOULD EVEN TELL HIM ABOUT THIS.



RACHEL AND KITTY
COULD HAVE USED
OTHER MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION...

...BUT THEY WERE
LATE IN GETTING
READY FOR THE BIG
NIGHT THEY'VE
GOT PLANNED!

THANKS, RACHE. THERE'S NO
WAY I COULD HAVE GOTTEN
HERE SO FAST WITHOUT YOU.

WELL, IT'S THE
ONLY WAY TO FLY,
MY FRIEND.

LOOK,
THERE IT
IS.

I'VE HEARD A
LOT ABOUT
THIS PLACE.

*The Witchery
by the Castle*

THIS COULD BE
THE NIGHT OF OUR
LIVES!

IF THE THINGS THAT *FREAKY*
WRITER TOLD ME ABOUT THIS
PLACE ARE *TRUE*...

I DON'T THINK
HE EVEN CAME
CLOSE!

WHY DON'T
WE JUST
RUN?

I THOUGHT I'D
SEEN EVERYTHING
IN MY LIFE!

I GUESS NOT!

WELL IF
YOU WANT TO
GIVE IT A
SHOT...

NOT
ON YOUR
LIFE!

I GUESS THERE
ARE A LOT OF *OTHER*
PLACES WE COULD...

CHECK THAT
OUT!

YOU THINK THE
NUCLEAR PLANT
WENT UP?!

WONDER IF I COULD PHASE
THE WHOLE CITY?

SOMEHOW...
I DOUBT IT!

ME, TOO!

SHALL WE
INVESTIGATE?

I'M WITH YOU!

YOUR OUTFIT WAS LOVELY, BUT I THINK
SHADOWNET WOULD BE MUCH MORE
APPROPRIATE JUST NOW!

GOOD
IDEA--!

--NOT THAT
I HAD THE
CHOICE!

I HEARD
THAT!

LET'S FORGET
ABOUT THAT
FOR NOW!

OF
COURSE.

THIS IS WHAT IS
IMPORTANT!

THE POWER OF THE
PHOENIX WILL GUIDE
US!



YOU ARE POWERFUL, INDEED...

...YET...

...I SENSE SOMETHING FAR GREATER!



NOT YOU, TOO!

REJECTED AGAIN!

DON'T TELL ME YOU DRAW YOUR POWER FROM THAT WITCH, COURTNEY?

A WITCH?!

IS THAT WHAT I SENSE?!

NO!

THERE IS A SOURCE OF REPLENISHMENT WITH A...

... DREAM...

... THAT ORIGINATES FAR BEYOND THE COSMOS!

PERHAPS IT IS THE POWER THE DRUIDS HAVE ALWAYS WORSHIPPED AND BEEN STRENGTHENED BY!

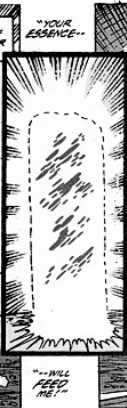


I STAND ALONE,

... BUT MY STRENGTH IS OF THE MANY!



"YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE THE PASSION OF OUR DESIRES!"



"YOUR ESSENCE--

"--WILL FEED ME!"



M-MAYBE... MAYBE IT WILL BE BETTER THIS WAY...



A SHORT TIME LATER...

I'M
SORRY,
KITTY.

I CAN OFFER
NO EXCUSE
FOR MY
BEHAVIOR!

I ONLY
HOPE...

ALL I ASK
IS THAT...

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
KITTY?

I'M
NOT
SURE.

I DON'T WORRY, MEGGAN. I KNOW
HOW YOU FEEL!

I DON'T
DESERVE A FRIEND
LIKE YOU.

YOU DON'T
DESERVE A PROBLEM
LIKE A BRIAN!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
DOING?

NOT ENTIRELY.

I FIND THAT A LITTLE
HARD TO SWALLOW--EVEN
CONSIDERING THE
SOURCE!

IT HAS
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH WHAT
HAPPENED AT
ARTHUR'S
SEAT...BUT
I'M NOT
SURE I
CAN
EXPLAIN
IT.

IT'S TIMES
LIKE THIS
THAT IT'S
DIFFICULT
TO RESIST
THE URGE
TO READ HER
THOUGHTS!

BUT I CAN'T...
I'VE GOT TO
RESPECT HER
PRIVACY!

WHERE'S BRIAN WHEN
I NEED HIM? THERE ARE A FEW
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS HE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO HELP ME WITH

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!

TAKES ONE
TO KNOW
ONE.

HEY!
LIGHTEN UP!

I'M GLAD
YOU'RE BACK,
BRIAN. I COULD
USE YOUR
HELP.

WHAT? BRIAN!

AFTER ALL
HE'S PUT HER
THROUGH?!

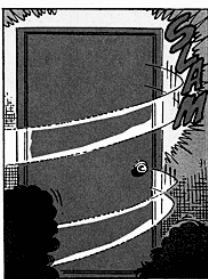
I CAME AS
SOON AS I
HEARD.

I SORRY
IT'S BEEN A
LONG, HARD
NIGHT...

...LET'S JUST KEEP OUR
MINDS ON THE BUSINESS
AT HAND.

AND IF I COULD
HAVE *ONE* MOMENT
TO BREATHE...

...I'LL BE
RIGHT WITH
YOU!



WELL! HOW
RUDE!

EVEN FOR BRIAN!

WELL, *HE'S*
CERTAINLY NOT
GOING TO BE
MUCH HELP!

BACK
TO
WORK!

HE WOULDN'T HAVE ACTED THAT WAY...

...IF NOT
\$50B! FOR ME!

YOU'VE GOT
TO STOP BLAMING
YOURSELF!

YOU CAN'T
LET HIM AFFECT
YOU SO!

IF IT WASN'T *OBVIOUS* BEFORE...

...IT SHOULD BE *NOW*!

THE PROBLEM LIES WITHIN BRIAN!

NOT
YOU!

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THIS TIME,
I JUST MIGHT BE IN OVER MY HEAD!

COME ON, BRIAN. WHAT'S KEEPING YOU?

WE CAN'T LET *HIM* DOWN!

HE'S GOT *ALL* THE TIME IN THE
WORLD FOR COURTNEY...

...AND *NONE* FOR ME.

NO MATTER HOW
PAINFUL, I HAVE
NO CHOICE...

...I MUST
ACCEPT IT!

ONLY...

I CAN'T! I
JUST CAN'T GET HIM
OUT OF MY MIND!

CAN'T SLEEP.

DON'T HAVE
THE EXPERTISE TO
HELP KITTY. I'M NO
BRIAN BRADDOCK!

AND...

...I CAN'T
GET MEGGAN
OUT OF MY
MIND!



OF COURSE, NO MEDICATIONS WILL CHANGE THE FACT THAT I'VE FAILED!

NO YOU HAVEN'T!

BASED ON YOUR PRELIMINARY EFFORTS, I WAS ABLE TO FINISH OFF WHAT YOU BEGAN. QUITE A PIECE OF WORK, YOUNG LADY.

THANKS L.B. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

KEEP IT DOWN, YOU GUYS. I'M TRYING TO WATCH T.V.!

MEGGAN, HOW CAN YOU BE WATCHING THE TUBE AT A TIME LIKE --

THIS?!

IT'S HIM!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

SSSSHH! THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT!

THE CONFIGURATION SEEMS TO CLOSELY RESEMBLE THAT OF STONEHENGE!

NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN THE BIZARRE OCCURRENCE TAKING PLACE AT BARKMOORE NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY.

... BUT THE MYSTERIOUS, LOOMING GIANT FIGURE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A SUPER-POWERED VILLAIN WHO ONCE BATTLED THE MIGHTY THOR.*

AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS BARKING EVENT AND A SIMILAR INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF EDINBURGH.

BUT, SO FAR, NO ONE HAS ANY ANSWERS...

THAT'S IT!

BRIAN...?

HE TRIED IT ONCE, BUT HE COULDN'T ACHIEVE THE POWER! NOW, HE'S CREATING SOMETHING EVEN MORE POTENT, UTILIZING THE SAME CONSTRUCTION-- A NUCLEAR FACSIMILE OF STONEHENGE POSITIONED OVER ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FOCAL POINTS OF ARCAINE ENERGIES IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!

BUT... WE'RE NOT READY!

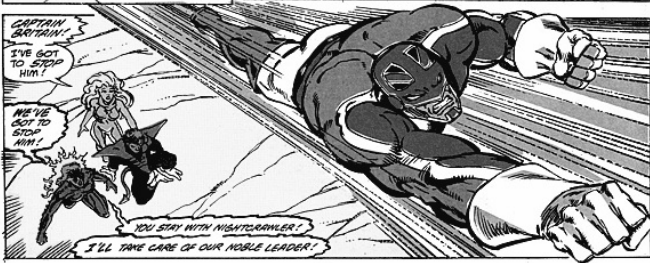
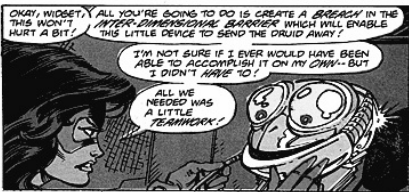
GET READY!

I'LL BE WAITING FOR THE REST OF YOU!

WHERE ONCE THERE STOOD TWO COOLING TOWERS, THERE NOW STANDS A COMPLEX ARRANGEMENT OF UNFATHOMABLE, ENERGY FACSIMILES!

* THOR #209--TERRY.







I KNOW YOU MEAN US NO HARM!
THE PORTAL THAT IS GROWING
BEFORE YOU WILL ENABLE YOU
TO RETURN
TO YOUR OWN
PEOPLE!



ONCE YOU PASS THROUGH,
THE POWER YOU HAVE
AMASSED WILL ALLOW YOU
TO DO THE REST!

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE
TO BE SEPARATED FROM
THOSE YOU LOVE... I KNOW
HOW YOU MUST FEEL!



I...
BELIEVE YOU
DO!

FORGIVE THE OTHERS!
SOMETIMES WE FEAR WHAT
WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND! THEY,
TOO, MEANT NO HARM!



NOW YOU
MUST GO--
QUICKLY!

I SENSE SOMETHING
IN YOU-- SOMETHING OF
THE GREATNESS MEN
MIGHT ACHIEVE!

STILL, I MUST
SEEK OUT MY OWN
KIND! MY PLACE IS
NOT IN YOUR
WORLD!



FAREWELL,
COURAGEOUS
ONE! PERHAPS
OUR KIND SHALL
MEET AGAIN
ONE DAY!



SHORTLY... IF I HADN'T SEEN
IT WITH MY OWN
EYES I NEVER WOULD HAVE
BELIEVED IT!

IT'S OBVIOUS
YOU'RE NOT THE MAN I THOUGHT
YOU WERE!



REALLY, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
BE A TEAM!

HE DIDN'T ROSE
THE THREAT-- YOU DID!

ALL HE
WANTED TO
DO WAS...

...WELL... GO
HOME!

SURELY YOU KNOW BY NOW THAT
THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS HOW THEY APPEAR!

AMAZING! IT WAS
DESPITE OURSELVES
THAT WE MANAGED TO PULL
THIS OFF. I THOUGHT WE KNEW
BETTER-- THOUGHT WE REAL-
IZED WE COULD AT LEAST
RELY ON EACH OTHER

AFTER ALL, THAT'S
WHAT FRIENDS ARE
FOR!

